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2013-14 Repair and Renovation Project List Released

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The Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) released the 2013-14 Repair and Renovation Reserve project list today consisting of 191 recommended construction projects totaling \$90 million. The projects are located statewide, some may soon be ready for bid and all will offer a boost to North Carolina's construction industry. Because the majority of the projects are under \$500,000 and do not require bonding, smaller-sized construction firms and historically underutilized businesses can remain competitive in the bid process.

"This is the first step of fulfilling my promise to the people of North Carolina to rebuild and repair state facilities that have been ignored for far too long," said Governor Pat McCrory. "These long-needed renovations will not only produce more efficient buildings, they will also protect and enhance the public's investment, particularly at our state universities."

The total amount appropriated by the General Assembly to fund the Repair and Renovations Reserve Account was \$150 million, \$60 million allocated to the UNC Board of Governors and \$90 million to OSBM for State agencies. OSBM consulted with the State Construction Office in the Department of Administration to determine which projects to prioritize. The UNC system will provide a separate list of their planned projects.

Project types include fire alarm and security system maintenance and repair, exterior building repair and waterproofing, and repair and replacement of HVAC and climate control units. This list is not limited to the State Government Complex in Raleigh, but includes projects statewide.

"We have State facilities that have been neglected all over North Carolina," said Bill Daughtridge, Secretary of Administration. "We've prioritized public safety needs, and then we focused on preventive maintenance projects that would save the State money in the long run."

Now that OSBM has released the list of projects, the next step is for the General Assembly's Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations to meet and review the list. Depending on when that occurs, it is possible that many of these projects will be available for bids and have a contract in place before Christmas.

"This funding will help with badly needed construction work for North Carolina, and taxpayers will get a good deal at a time when the construction industry is very competitive because there's still not much work out there," said Dave Simpson, NC Government Relations and Building Director for Carolinas Associated General Contractors.

For a detailed listing, please see the complete <u>2013-14 Repair and Renovation Reserve Recommended Project List</u>. For more information, please contact <u>Chris Mears</u>, Public Information Officer for the Department of Administration at 919-807-2340.

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